

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An integrated intercom and security system comprising:
a local integrated intercom and security system, said local system including,
a first plurality of user interfaces each user interface associated with a dwelling and including a two-way audio communication system and a visual display;
a second plurality of user interfaces each user interface associated with a dwelling and including a two-way audio communication system and a visual display; and
a first riser connecting said first plurality of user interfaces;
a second riser connecting said second plurality of user interfaces;
a central communication station operatively connected to said first and second risers and in communication with all of said user interfaces; wherein said central communication station is capable of sending text message to one, to all or to a selected group of said user interfaces; and
a remote communication unit in real time communication with said local system via a globally accessible communication network.
2. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 1, wherein said remote communication unit is capable of communicating with said local system for the purpose of performing diagnostics.
3. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 1, wherein said remote communication unit is capable of sending messages to said user interfaces.
4. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 3, wherein said remote communication unit is capable of sending messages to a selected one of said user interfaces.

5. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 3, wherein said remote communication unit is capable of sending messages to a selected number of said user interfaces.

6. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 1, wherein each user interface includes a feature for storing messages.

7. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 1, wherein said messages are textual.

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12. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 1, wherein each said user interface is capable of sending a message to said central communication unit.

13. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 12, wherein said message is an audio message.

14. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 12, wherein said message is a textual message.

15. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 12, wherein said message includes a request for a service.

16. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 12, wherein each said user interface includes a feature for sending an emergency message to said central communication unit, and further comprising a feature for sending auxiliary information along with said emergency message.

17. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 16, wherein said auxiliary information includes a name of a contact person.

18. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 1, further comprising at least one peripheral device in communication with each of said user interfaces.

19. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 18, wherein said peripheral device is a smoke detector.

20. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 19, wherein said central communication unit is adapted to receive a message from each smoke detector associated with each user interface.

21. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 18, wherein said peripheral device is an intrusion alarm.

22. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 21, wherein said central communication unit is adapted to receive a message from each intrusion associated with each user interface.

23. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 1, further comprising a feature for video messaging.

24. (Currently Amended) An integrated intercom and security system comprising:
a first plurality of user interfaces each user interface associated with a residential unit, and
each said user interface including a two-way audio communication system and a visual display;

a second plurality of user interfaces each user interface each associated with a residential unit, and each said user interface including a two-way audio communication system and a visual display; and

a first riser connecting said first plurality of user interfaces;

a second riser connecting said second plurality of user interfaces;

a security system operatively connected to each ~~of~~ said user ~~interfaces~~ interface, said security system including, a plurality of cameras, each camera being disposed to capture images from a distinct zone;

a remote door lock, said door being adapted to open upon receiving a message from a user interface; and

an electronic directory, said electronic directory including a public display feature for displaying information, wherein said information displayable by said public display is limited to names associated with each unit;

wherein each user interface is operatively connected to each of said cameras to receive images from each ~~of~~ said zone.

25. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 24, wherein each visual display in each user interface is capable of displaying images from more than one zone.

26. (Original) An integrated intercom and security system according to claim 24, wherein each visual display in each user interface is capable of displaying images from up to four zones.

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